



The Linn-Mar High School LION UPDATE

**SPRING
EDITION**

April-May 2018

SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY AT LMHS

The February shooting at Marjorie Stoneman-Douglas High School in Florida, has brought national discussion and concern regarding school safety. In the spring of 1999, as a first-year administrator at Linn-Mar High School when the shootings took place at Columbine High School in Colorado, the reaction and attention at the time to review, update and improve school building safety seems similar to this spring of 2018. Prior to the Columbine attack, all 22 outside doors at LMHS were unlocked during the school day. No cameras existed, nor was there a sign-in procedure for visitors entering the building. Allowing quick and easy access to get into the building to get to class or activities was the primary focus. Behavior expectations/discipline, attendance procedures, and staff presence were the necessary measures in maintaining a safe school environment. Columbine changed this thinking.

In response to Columbine, by the fall of 1999, LMHS locked all but two outside doors, and our staff started lockdown training and communication protocols in the event of a security threat. Soon, 16 cameras were installed within the building, and the number of student supervisor positions was increased. Since 1999, security measures have continued to intensify. In 2018, LMHS now has push-button and sign-in entry for all visitors, with specific protocols outlined for building entry. We now have 150 cameras in the building and on campus, four campus supervisors, two student deans, three student assistance counselors, six administrators, more than 200 trained staff in our building, and an emergency response time from the Marion Police Department that is just a few minutes or less. Our school resource officer is on campus almost every day, and we typically have two or more walk-throughs from Marion Police Officers a week. Our staff continues training each year with the Marion Police, and we have a building plan (as do all district buildings) coordinated with the Marion Police should an event ever happen on campus. We are also in our third year of communicating with students regarding RUN-HIDE-FIGHT should a school safety event be taking place on or near campus.

In 1999, following Columbine, all of these measures would have been deemed appropriate and necessary to ensuring a safe and secure learning environment. In 2018, after the recent shootings, even more measures are now seen as necessary. Our district is currently undergoing a building safety inventory with both of the Marion Police and Fire Departments. We will continue to implement preventative measures, deterrent needs, counseling services, and communication protocols needed to maintain the safety of our students, staff and visitors to LMHS. This includes events and activities held during non-school hours. It is a constant. Required drills for all students in response to a serious threat on or near campus will soon become a requirement at LMHS just as our fire and natural disaster drills are each year. We will work with both the Marion Police and Marion Fire Departments as we prepare and practice our large scale responses as an entire building. We are a school, and we work to maintain an environment where students feel safe and secure at all times. Events continue to require more of our students and staff in being prepared to take action and respond during a threat situation, whether at school or in some other location. Our focus will continue to be proactive in both prevention and response. Just as in 1999, as it remains in 2018, being proactive requires a commitment to change and a constant state of alertness. I want everyone to know that our priority as a building and a district is to continue to meet this evolving safety necessity.

- Jeff Gustason, Principal

COMMENCEMENT ON MAY 27

Graduation for the LMHS Class of 2018 will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 27, at the U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids. No tickets are required for the ceremony. Doors into the U.S. Cellular Center will open just after 12:00 p.m. A letter was recently sent to all Seniors and parents outlining expectations and providing the calendar of events for the weeks prior to Graduation.

SENIOR RECOGNITION NIGHT ON MAY 7

Recognition Night for members of the Class of 2018 will be held on Monday, May 7, in the Auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m. Students will be recognized for awards, recognitions and scholarships.



SENIORS LAST DAY OF CLASS ON MAY 23

The last day for Seniors is Wednesday, May 23. All Seniors will report to the Main Gym for graduation rehearsal which starts promptly at 1:00 p.m. Graduation rehearsal is required for all students to participate in Commencement on May 27. Seniors wishing to participate in Senior Service Day on the morning of May 23 will have the opportunity to do so. Sign up for Senior Service Day will begin in April.

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Iowa Assessment/NWEA Schedule

(April 9, 11 and 13, 2018)

Monday and Wednesday and Friday

1 st Period	8:30 - 9:00	1st Block
2 nd Period	9:05 - 9:40	
TESTING	9:45 - 11:15	
3rd Period	11:20 - 11:55	2nd Block
4th Period	12:25 - 1:00	
5th Period	1:05 - 1:35	3rd Block
6th Period	1:40 - 2:15	
7th Period	2:20 - 2:55	4th Block
8th Period	3:30 - 3:30	

Iowa Assessment/NWEA Schedule

(April 10 and 12, 2018)

Tuesday and Thursday

1 st Period	8:30 - 9:05	1st Block
2 nd Period	9:10 - 9:40	
TESTING	9:45 - 11:15	
3rd Period	11:20 - 11:55	2nd Block
4th Period	12:25 - 1:00	
5th Period	1:05 - 1:30	3rd Block
6th Period	1:35 - 2:15	
7th Period	2:20 - 2:55	4th Block
8th Period	3:30 - 3:30	

Lunch Schedule (same for entire week)

Lunch A: 11:15 – 11:40 (+ Identified Lunch B)

Class: 11:45 – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch C: 11:55 – 12:20

Lunch D: 12:35 – 1:00 (+ Identified Lunch B)

Class: 11:20 – 12:35 p.m.

Iowa Assessments/NWEA on April 9-13

Grades 9, 10 and 11 will be taking Iowa Assessments each day the week of April 9. The exam period will begin at 9:45 a.m. each day, and end at 11:15 a.m. A separate schedule will be used during this week (see page 2). 12th grade students currently passing all courses will be released during the testing period. 12th grade students choosing to stay in the building will be required to stay in designated locations during the testing period. 10th grade students will also be taking the NWEA on Math and Reading on two of the days during the testing period.

Please ensure your students are prepared to do their best on the Iowa Assessments. These exams not only provide important information to the school for curriculum purposes, but they are used as one form of measurement when analyzing our school. Thank you in advance for helping to ensure your student(s) are prepared to do their best on the Iowa Assessments.

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

April 18th: Apprenticeship Fair Trip

April 19th: 5:30 College Planning Night (10th&11th Gr)
6:30 Financial Aid Night (11th Gr)

April 20th: Visit to UNI

April 27th: College Signing Day

ACADEMIC TIMELINES AND DATES

April 2	1st Day of 4th Quarter
April 4	Deadline to Add Classes for 4th Qtr.
April 6	Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 2nd Semester Classes
April 9-13	Iowa Assessment/NWEA for Grades 9, 10, 11
April 14	ACT at LMHS
April 19	College Planning Night College Financial Aid Night
April 27	Deadline to Drop Classes for 4th Qtr. Deadline to Declare Credit/Fail for 4th Quarter Classes
May 5	SAT
May 7	Sr. Recognition Night (7:00 p.m.)
May 16	Sr. Department Awards (7:30 a.m.)
May 23	Graduation Rehearsal (1:00 p.m.)
May 27	Commencement (1:00 p.m.)
May 30	Semester Exams
May 31	Semester Exams
June 1	Semester Exams
June 2	ACT at Marion HS SAT

Linn-Mar ACT Code is 162763

SEMESTER EXAMS ON MAY 30, 31 and JUNE 1

Semester exams will run from 8:30 - 3:30 p.m. on May 30, and from 8:30 - 11:45 a.m. on May 31 and June 1. Lunch will be available all three days with busses running at 3:40 p.m. on May 30 and 12:00 p.m. on May 31 and June 1. Students do not have to be on campus during non-exam periods. Students staying on campus during non-exam periods may study in the South Commons, Upper Commons/Library or in the Lower Commons/Cafeteria. Students are not to be in the halls during exams unless with staff escort. Please plan ahead so that students are on campus on time for all exams. Students arriving after the bell will be required to make up exams at a later date/time established by the instructor.

**SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE
May 30, 31, June 1, 2018**

Wednesday, May 30

8:30 - 10:00 Period 1 (Block 1)
10:15 - 11:45 Period 2

Lunch Break

12:15 - 1:45 Period 3 (Block 2)
2:00 - 3:30 Period 4

Thursday, May 31

8:30 - 10:00 Period 5 (Block 3)
10:15 - 11:45 Period 6

Friday, June 1

8:30 - 10:00 Period 7 (Block 4)
10:15 - 11:45 Period 8

- * All students are required to be on time for all tests. Students who are late for the start of any given tests are required to make other arrangements with their respective teachers.
- * Students are not required to be in attendance when not scheduled for an exam.
- * All teachers will be giving some kind of assessment during the testing dates.
- * A supervised South Commons and Lower Commons/Cafeteria will be available for students not leaving campus during exams.
- * Busses will run at the regular time on May 30 and at 12:00 p.m. on May 31 and June 1.
- * Lunch will be available to students between 11:15 and 12:15 on May 30 and between 11:15 and 12:00 on May 31 and June 1.

GRADE TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts will no longer be mailed at the end of each semester. If you would like a copy of an official, signed transcript, contact the 9th-10th Grades Office (447-3043) or the 11th-12th Grades Office (447-3070) to make the request. Unofficial transcripts are also available at any time via PowerSchool.

Students can send transcripts to prospective colleges or other post-secondary institutions at any time using Family Connection. Students needing help in setting up their Family Connection accounts should see their counselor or stop by either the 9th-10th Grades Office or the 11th-12th Grades Office.



DEM teacher Chris Patterson took a group of seven LMHS students to represent LMHS and the Project Lead the Way program at STEM Day at the Capitol in Des Moines in February.

HOMEROOM ON APRIL 5

One Homeroom session will be held during 4th Quarter on Thursday, April 5, at 10:00 a.m.

- 12th grade will report to the Auditorium for a graduation meeting.
- 9th and 11th grades will report to Homeroom classrooms for Iowa Assessment prep.
- 10th grade will report to designated locations for either Iowa Assessment Practice Test or the Monitoring the Future Survey facilitated by researchers from the University of Michigan.

***Here is what is posted in each room of the HS next to the postings for Fire and Natural Disaster**

LOCKDOWN OR SERIOUS THREAT

For a threat within the building: flee the building immediately.

RUN—Go by foot to either the ESCO building (on Barrington Ave. north and west of LMHS) or the Indian Creek Country Club (on Indian Creek Road south and east of LMHS) so that you can be accounted for. It does not matter which location.

For announced building lockdown with a threat outside of the school building: stay in the building and listen for instructions.

HIDE—Move away from outside, ground level windows and doors. Please, do not use cell phones. At some point, you will be instructed to use your cell phone to contact family and let them know that you are ok.

For a threat in your immediate area and you are unable to flee: protect yourself, and flee the building as you are able.

FIGHT—If you cannot leave a room, barricade doors, and ‘arm’ yourself with any objects to use to attack should a perpetrator try to enter the room. As you are able, flee the building, and go by foot to either the ESCO building (on Barrington Ave. north and west of LMHS) or the Indian Creek Country Club (on Indian Creek Road south and east of LMHS) so that you can be accounted for. It does not matter which location.

APRIL-MAY DAILY SCHEDULE CALENDAR

<u>Week 31 Schedule</u>		<u>Week 34 Schedule</u>		<u>Week 37 Schedule</u>	
4/2	Regular Schedule	4/23	Regular Schedule	5/14	Regular Schedule
4/3	Regular Schedule	4/24	Regular Schedule	5/15	Regular Schedule
4/4	Regular Schedule	4/25	Regular Schedule	5/16	Regular Schedule
4/5	Homeroom Schedule	4/26	Regular Schedule	5/17	Regular Schedule
4/6	Regular Schedule	4/27	Regular Schedule	5/18	Regular Schedule
<u>Week 32 Schedule</u>		<u>Week 35 Schedule</u>		<u>Week 38 Schedule</u>	
4/9	Iowa Assessment Schedule	4/30	Professional Development-No Classes	5/21	Regular Schedule
4/10	Iowa Assessment Schedule	5/1	Regular Schedule	5/22	Regular Schedule
4/11	Iowa Assessment Schedule	5/2	Regular Schedule	5/23	Regular Schedule
4/12	Iowa Assessment Schedule	5/3	Regular Schedule	5/24	Regular Schedule
4/13	Iowa Assessment Schedule	5/4	Regular Schedule	5/25	Regular Schedule
<u>Week 33 Schedule</u>		<u>Week 36 Schedule</u>		<u>Week 39 Schedule</u>	
4/16	Regular Schedule	5/7	Regular Schedule	5/28	Memorial Day—No Classes
4/17	Regular Schedule	5/8	Regular Schedule	5/29	Regular Schedule
4/18	Regular Schedule	5/9	Regular Schedule	5/30	Semester Exam Schedule
4/19	Regular Schedule	5/10	Regular Schedule	5/31	Semester Exam Schedule
4/20	Regular Schedule	5/11	Regular Schedule	6/1	Semester Exam Schedule

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SPORTSMANSHIP

Linn-Mar High School students, parents, and spectators are all expected to exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship at athletic events. Chanting or taunting opponents, doing anything to incite opponents, or that does not display appropriate sportsmanship, is unacceptable at a high school athletic contest. Your efforts toward sportsmanship are greatly appreciated.

DO YOUR PART TO SUPPORT LINN-MAR TEAMS LOUDLY, ENTHUSIASTICALLY, AND WITH THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF SPORTSMANSHIP!

HOMEcomings SCHEDULE SET FOR 2018

Schedules are still being set for several fall activities as the district football schedule has just been released. LMHS Homecoming for 2018 will be September 27 (Parade, etc.), September 28 (pep rally, game) and September 29 (dance). The game opponent will be Iowa City West.

IOWA MANDATED IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Tdap (Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis-containing vaccine) 1 time dose for ALL high school students

Meningococcal (A,C, W, Y) 1 dose after age 16 prior to entering 12th grade

Questions? Contact Nancy Kleitsch, RN at 319-447-3081.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Main Office:	447-3040
Jeff Gustason (Principal)	447-3041
9th-10th Grades Office:	447-3043
ATTENDANCE (9/10)	447-3050
Kim Buel (AP)	447-3044
Phil Eastman (Dean)	447-3022
Sheryl Cline (9-10)	447-3175
Greg Hall (9-10)	447-3074
Pete Martin (9-10)	447-3072
11th-12th Grades Office:	447-3070
ATTENDANCE (11/12)	447-3046
Joe Nietert (AP)	447-3042
Chris Robertson (Dean)	447-3051
David Kennedy (11-12)	447-3104
Elizabeth Kreher (11-12)	447-3071
Jennifer Thurston (11-12)	447-3098
Compass Center (LRC):	730-3620
Steve Goodall (AP)	730-3621
Athletics Office:	447-3060
David Brown (AD)	447-3061
Tonya Moe (Assoc. AD)	447-3086
Nurse's Office:	447-3080
N. Kleitsch	447-3081

STUDENT ASSISTANCE

For any family, personal, social, academic, mental health, or other issues, please contact one of the student assistance counselors:

Janessa Walters Student Assistance Counselor (Dropout Prevention Specialist) 892-4884

Kevin McCauley, Student Assistance Counselor (Prevention Specialist) 447-3047

Lisa Mooney, Student Assistance Counselor, (Family Specialist) 447-3129

Todd Goodell, Academic Assistance Counselor 447-3073

A listing of faculty/staff on the LMHS Student Assistance Team is posted throughout the building. Students may contact any member of this team for assistance.



Suicide Prevention Week was February 26 - March 2. Students on the committee organized numerous activities throughout the week to remind students "You Are Not Alone".

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ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS

(Only those exams LMHS students are signed up for are listed)

Monday, May 7	8:00 a.m.	AP Chemistry	12:00 p.m.	AP Psychology
Tuesday, May 8			12:00 p.m.	AP Physics 1: Alg-based
Wednesday, May 9	8:00 a.m.	English Literature & Comp.	12:00 p.m.	AP Physics 2: Alg-based
Thursday, May 10	8:00 a.m.	AP U.S. Govt/Politics	12:00 p.m.	Environmental Science
Friday, May 11	8:00 a.m.	AP U.S. History		
Monday, May 14	8:00 a.m.	AP Biology	12:00 p.m.	AP Physics C: Mechanics
		AP Music Theory	2:00 p.m.	AP Physics C: Elec+Magn
Tuesday, May 15	8:00 a.m.	AP Calculus AB	12:00 p.m.	AP Computer Sci. A
		AP Calculus BC		
Wednesday, May 16	8:00 a.m.	English Language & Comp.	12:00 p.m.	Macroeconomics
Thursday, May 17	8:00 a.m.	AP Comparative Govt/Pol.	12:00 p.m.	AP Statistics
		AP World History		
Friday, May 18	8:00 a.m.	Microeconomics	12:00 p.m.	European History

Linn-Mar High School Parking Lottery for 2018-19

LMHS limits the number of issued parking tags to ensure safety access on campus. A \$25.00 tag fee for eligible students guarantees an on-campus parking space for students with parking tags. **Students must have a school permit or a valid driver's license in order to enter the lottery.**

11th and 12th Grades: (750 parking tags issued in the North and South Lots)

Lottery will determine choice of three designated parking lots (North, Far North, South).

Lottery sign up begins on July 16. Forms will be available in the office and on the HS website.

Lottery forms must be received by noon on **Friday, August 10.**

Students will make lot preferences on Lottery sign up form.

Lottery takes place on Monday, August 13, at noon.

Lottery selectees may begin purchasing parking tags on Monday, August 13, after posting of results.

\$25.00 for parking tag.

Students must verify a valid driver license at the time of submitting application for the lottery.

10th Grade: (140 parking tags issued in the Stadium East/Aquatic Center Lot)

Lottery will determine eligibility for parking tag.

Lottery sign up begins on July 16. Forms will be available in the office and on the HS website.

Lottery forms must be received by noon on **Friday, August 10.**

Lottery takes place on Tuesday, August 14, at noon.

Lottery selectees may begin purchasing parking tags on Tuesday, August 14, after posting of results.

\$25.00 for parking tag.

Students must verify a valid driver license at the time of submitting application for the lottery.

9th Grade: (25 parking tags issued)

Armstrong Field Gravel Lot area (tag only, no fee).

Lottery forms must be received by noon on **Friday, August 10.**

Lottery takes place on Wednesday, August 15, at noon.

Staff:

Designated areas of North Lot, South Lot, West Lot and East Lot.

Visitors:

Designated areas in the North Lot and South Lot.

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GRAND MARCH AND PROM 2018

Prom 2018 will be held from 8:00 - 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, in the Linn-Mar High School Main Gym. The Grand March will be held in the Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. Doors for the Grand March will open at 7:00 p.m. Additional Prom information can be found at the link on the high school webpage.

Junior parents will be sponsoring a Post Prom event to be held at the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena. Please do your part to make Prom a safe night for all participating students.

2018-19 STUDENT SCHEDULE DISTRIBUTION

It is anticipated that student schedules for the 2018 -19 school year will be available on Power School by the week of May 7. Students needing to make schedule changes should schedule an appointment with her/his counselor to discuss schedule change requests.

9th Grade-Only 1st Day of School on August 23

We will again have a 9th Grade-Only first day of school on August 23. All grade levels at the high school will have classes on August 24. Student, parent and teacher feedback regarding the 9th Grade-Only first day held in 2017 was quite positive.

The general structure of August 23 will remain the same with minor changes to the topics, activities, and goals for each period. The topics for the 9th Grade-Only first day include: academic frame of mind and study habits, goal setting, student support services, lunch procedures, wayfinding, technology pre-testing, an activity fair, a motivational speaker, and a class picture.



LMHS students gathered March 7 to raise awareness on Spread the Word to End the Word Day. Students pledged their support for the elimination of the derogatory use of the r-word from everyday speech and promote the acceptance and inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities.

LMHS STUDENTS RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Two LMHS students had their ceramics projects on display at the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts Conference in March in Pittsburgh, PA. Of the 1,200 entrees nationwide only 150 were chosen, including the two from Linn-Mar. Sophomore Molly Chmelicek created a piece she calls "Hazel", and senior Rachel Schulz's work is titled, "Pour Your Heart Out".

Linn-Mar Varsity Poms took home 2nd place at the 2018 UDA National Dance Team Championship in Orlando, FL in the Medium Varsity Pom category and 5th place in Medium Varsity Jazz. Congratulations to LM Varsity Poms!

